(c) whether the Chinese reaction to the autonomy plan of Dalai Lama would affect our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) The Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman, in a statement on June 21, 2000, said that "Tibetan affairs is purely China's internal affairs, which brooks no interference from foreign countries. The US government has clearly stated that the US recognises Tibet is a part of Chinese territory and does not support Tibet's independence. China urges the US to practice what is preaches, correct its errors and earnestly honour its commitments".

(c) There is no reason to believe so.

Discussion with EU on growing terrorism

2693. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Lisbon shared his concern with the top leadership of the European Union assembled there, about growing terrorism in South Asia; and the need for acquiring nuclear capability;

(b) if so, what was the precise content of the Prime Minister's exposition and the EU leaders reactions thereto;

(c) whether any co-operation in dealing with terrorism was offered by the EU leaders if so, in what terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. during the India-EU Summit held in Lisbon on June 28, 2000, Prime Minister conveyed India's concerns about the growing threat of international terrorism to global and regional peace and security. He also shared with his interlocutors India's security concerns, including in the context of developments in the region. Prime Minister emphasised that international terrorism, including

cross-border terrorism, poses the biggest danger to peace and stability in the world today. He also highlighted the fact that India has always sought to secure her security intersts in a responsible, rational and minimal manner. The EU side expressed appreciation for India's concerns and offered to cooperate to prevent and combat terrorism and to meet the challenges arising from it in the regional and international context. It was also agreed that India and the EU will strive together for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Seizure of Consignment of CD-ROMs in U.S.

2694. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that U.S. Government have reported about the seizure by U.S. customs, several consignments of Indian made CD-ROMs pirated and manufactured by certain Indian companies in violation of the U.S. Copyright and Trade Mark Act and allegedly indulging in fraud against the Duty Entitlement Pass Book;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) No Sir, No. instances of any such consignments seized recently by US Customs have come to attention.

(c) Does not arise.